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Toronto's first carbon-neutral neighbourhood

ENVIRONMENT

Residents work on plan to halve their footprint

May Warren
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Mount Dennis residents want their community to become Toronto's first carbon-neutral neighbourhood.

Rick Ciccarelli of the Mount Dennis Community Association is working with the city and other partners to develop a plan.

"We're trying to notch the bar up on how this community can be more sustainable," he said.

The neighbourhood is expecting a population boost when the Eglinton Crosstown light-rail project is finished.

It's slated for 2021 and would mean a faster route from the west-end neighbourhood to the city centre.

Getting to net zero means carbon used in new buildings will be offset by finding efficiencies in the existing ones, said Mike Mattos, president of the community association.

Mike Mattos
METROLAND FILE

Mattos said the neighbourhood has to reduce energy usage by about half to reach the goal.

Highrise towers that can be retrofitted to become more energy efficient are "big targets" for the project, he said.

An open house was held on Monday to discuss ways to do this, and they still need to figure out how to divide responsibilities between the community, city and other partners like Metrolinx and Toronto Hydro, Ciccarelli said.

Getting to "net zero" would also mean engaging regular people and nudging them toward lifestyle changes.

"The concept is that we get all the people in the room and we figure out how we achieve the goal without spending a huge amount of money," said Mattos.

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- Give Pearson Airport its very own 'Union Station'
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Shoppers have been worried about the future of the Parkdale No Frills for months. METROLAND FILE

Parkdale No Frills to reopen April 20

FOOD

Grocery store was closed for emergency roof repairs

May Warren
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West-end shoppers on a budget are in luck, the Parkdale No Frills is set to reopen in just over two weeks.

Karen Gumbs, director of public relations and communications for Loblaw Companies told Metro Vi's No Frills at 1435 King St. W. will reopen April 20.

The discount grocery store has been closed since early December.

"The landlord advised and said he needed to make emergency repairs to the roof," said Gumbs.

"So obviously we had no choice but to close it."

A free shuttle has run from the location to a No Frills on Lansdowne Avenue about 1.5 kilometres away.

Gumbs said it will continue to run until the store reopens.

Despite the shuttle, Torstar News Services reported in February that food bank use in the area has gone up since the store was shuttered.

Many low-income people in Parkdale depended on the No Frills and told Torstar News Services at the time that they felt stranded without the store.

Some worried the area would become a food desert if the supermarket didn't reopen.

A No Frills in Mississauga recently closed permanently, leaving residents without a low-cost grocery option in the neighbourhood.

..and a 'superhub' could be coming, too

David Hains
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Parkdale could be the site of a community superhub.

City council passed a motion last week that could combine the development of three Toronto-owned buildings.

"The possibilities here are endless," said Coun. Gord Perks, who cautioned that the plan is in a very early stage.

The Parkdale-High Park councillor noticed a couple months ago that three neighbouring buildings located at Queen Street and Cowan Avenue were either due for repairs or the lease was scheduled to expire.

The city is also undergoing a real-estate review to make more use of its land, so the councillor asked staff from different departments to look at combining their work.

"I said, 'Why don't we do this as one big package,'" he told Metro, adding that city staff were intrigued by the opportunity.

The three buildings currently house the Parkdale Arts and Culture Centre, the Masaryk-Cowan Community Centre and the Parkdale Library.

Each of the buildings are due for repairs over the next 10 years. Perks sees that as an opportunity to re-imagine how the buildings — and city services — can best work together.

There is also a Toronto Parking Authority lot directly to the west of the culture centre and Masaryk Park directly to the south of the community centre.

"In theory we can house very different services" to better bring together a diverse and already vibrant community, he said.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport site best for 'Union Station West'

With the GTA experiencing strong growth, a study suggests the area around Pearson airport would be a logical place to have a "Union Station West" to help reduce road congestion even if the airport did not exist.

The study, commissioned by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, suggests a regional transit hub for trains, light rail cars and buses can make the area more competitive.

"We found that commuting times in the region are the highest in Canada," said Howard Eng, president of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority at a media conference Tuesday.

"Mobility can be significantly improved in the region with better transit. It can help the region be more competitive and more business-friendly, and for the commuters, a shorter commuting time. The west rail Toronto-Hamilton area and specifically Toronto-Pearson is the ideal spot for a regional transport centre. The airport is poised for strong growth in the coming years."

The first phase of ground transportation centre will be ready by the mid-2020s, Eng said.

Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca, and local mayors of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton and Kitchener met Tuesday to look at plans and a new study for the regional transit hub.

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A proposed concept for regional transit centre at Pearson International Airport. CONTRIBUTED

PROVINCIAL FUNDING

Mayor Tory releases budget demands

Mayor John Tory's provincial budget demands include help with repair bills for the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway, as well as money to help build transit and repair Toronto Community Housing units.

Tory outlines what he expects in a letter to provincial Finance Minister Charles Sousa, released by his office Tuesday morning ahead of the spring budget, that pointedly refers to Premier Kathleen Wynne's decision to veto tolls on the city-owned highways after originally agreeing to permit them.

"First and foremost, the city needs the province to become a full partner in cost-sharing of major infrastructure investments going forward," Tory writes, repeating recent statements that he expects Ontario to match federal funds pledged in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's recent budget.

Mayor John Tory
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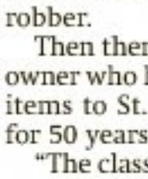
"We expect that the province will provide appropriate matching funds for each program, and include the city in any discussions with the federal government regarding how these funds will be allocated."

Ottawa has pledged nationally, over 11 years, $20 billion for transit and $11.2 billion for housing. Toronto does not yet know its share. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sharing corner store tales

ART

Student project puts focus on community fixtures



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Behind every convenience store, there's a story.

Stina Dios realized this while working on a student project at OCAD and became determined to share them.

The result is Convenience Stories, a website and online video series that celebrates these community fixtures.

She tells the story of the convenience store owner in her building. He doesn't speak English but sometimes giggles when Dios buys a late-night snack. The convenience store relationship, she says, "transcends language."

The stores have their own logic, too. There's the story of a clerk who was robbed and later became friends with the robber.

Then there's Dom, the store owner who has hand-delivered items to St. Clair West locals for 50 years.

"The class ended," Dios says of her OCAD project, "but I couldn't let it go."

She continued to work on the project with her husband, documentarian Liam Kearney. They put together five episodes for Bell Fibe TV on the people behind stores in Parkdale, the Annex and Jane and Black Creek.

One video features Habesha Variety, where owners Dessale and Rita changed their wares to serve the preferences of Guatemalan and Salvadoran locals.

Another takes us to Old's Cool General Store, the East York stop where co-owner Zahra Dhanani sometimes feels guilty charging customers money.

The series was renewed for a second season last week.

For Dios, convenience stores are a way to explore communities but also social issues and immigration.

She says there's a "sense of ownership" of these spaces — that people refer to them as "my" convenience store. They become sites that store personal memories.

"These are really adored spaces and really adored people."

> These are really adored spaces and really adored people.
> Stina Dios

1 Dom and Rosa celebrate 50 years.

2 Dessale and Rita Habesha

3 Zahra and Mariko, the co-owners of the Old's Cool General Store.

4 Steven and Helen, the co-owners of Steven's convenience store at Bathurst and Olive.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Extending last call at bars led to more injuries in 1996: Doctor

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto emergency room doctor is warning the city against extending last call.

Dr. Joel Ray, a physician and researcher at St. Michael's Hospital, will present a report warning about the risks of prolonged bar activity to the city's economic development committee on Friday.

The committee has been studying the possibility of emulating many other big cities like Chicago and Montreal to move the current 2 a.m. alcohol service deadline to a later hour, a move that could boost the nighttime economy.

But Ray said there's need to consider the potential for "human costs." He believes such change would lead to more incidents of intentional and unintentional injuries among patrons.

"Right now we can see that calls to EMS and ambulances go up at around 2 in the morning," he said, noting the report shows an eight-to-10-time increase for such calls in areas around establishments serving alcohol.

He said his findings are similar to studies in Australia and Norway, which showed that extending the hours of service at bars increased the number of emergency calls.

"But when you shorten the hours and stop serving alcohol earlier, you lower the number of police calls for assaults," he said.

The argument is also based on previous experiences. When Toronto changed the last call hour from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. back in 1996, there was an increase in trauma cases, said Ray.

"Alcohol unfortunately is a big player in interpersonal violence," he said, adding his proposal isn't about turning the city into "a nanny state."

"If it's about making the city more fun, most of us are for that. But we have to consider the economic balance between alcohol providers and the city services."

TIME CHANGE

Toronto hasn't changed its permanent last call since 1996, when the city pushed it back one hour from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. But some other cities, like Montreal, Vancouver and New York, are just fine with a later last call and some, like Paris and Rio, don't have one at all.

HOUSING

Rent increases to pad profits 'unacceptable'

It is "unacceptable" for landlords to dramatically raise rents on tenants to pad their profits in case rent controls are extended soon, says Premier Kathleen Wynne.

She called the problem "an extremely urgent matter" and said Housing Minister Chris Ballard has been working on it for months as both rental and ownership housing markets have been red hot.

Her remarks Tuesday came after Metro reported a west-end condo landlord served notice to tenants he is raising their rent to $3,300 monthly from $1,650 on July 1.

Wynne called that example "particularly egregious" after speaking to a long-term care conference at a conference centre near the airport.

Under the current rent control system, only buildings constructed before 1991 are subject to strict limits on how much rents can be raised under annual guidelines issued by the government. Those increases are typically about 1.5 per cent a year.

"We'll be looking at expanding rent controls as part of a whole rental tenancy act upgrade and we'll be bringing that in sooner rather than later," Ballard later told reporters at Queen's Park.

New Democrat MPP Peter Tabuns (Toronto-Danforth) recently proposed a private member's bill to make all buildings subject to rent control.

While NDP Leader Andrea Horwath would not commit to sweeping new rent control measures if she becomes premier in next year's election, she said passing the Tabuns bill would be "a really good first start" to improving the affordability of rental housing.

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Toronto DIGEST

Police won't confirm injured man is Toronto rapper

York Region police have refused to confirm that a man critically hurt in a shooting at a Woodbridge hookah lounge early Monday was Toronto rapper Robin Banks. But hundreds of fans, friends and collaborators, are using the #PrayforRobinBanks hashtag over social media to send their blessings and prayers, hoping the 22-year-old artist will recover. York Region police responded to reports of a shooting outside the Cameo Lounge on Steeles Ave. W., near Weston Rd., around 2:45 a.m. Emergency crews arrived to find three people suffering from gunshot wounds. A woman and man, both 26, were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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Greenhouse gas allowance auction sells out

Ontario's first auction for greenhouse gas allowances was a sellout — with 100 per cent of current permits available snapped up by the province's biggest polluters.

But Environment Minister Glen Murray said while the participation showed "a high level of confidence" among businesses, the real measure of success comes in curbing emissions.

Results of the auction, held March 22, were released Monday afternoon. Some 25,296,367 allowances for 2017 were sold as well as 812,000 in future allowances — about a quarter of what was available for 2020 — bringing in a total of $472,031,155.

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Housing market may need government intervention: Expert

Further government intervention will be needed if Toronto house prices continue soaring after the spring homebuying season, the head of Canadian banking at Scotiabank said Tuesday. James O'Sullivan said the Toronto housing market is one that policy-makers should be most concerned about these days, given prices that have risen by nearly 30 per cent over the last year.

"Double-digit price increases are not sustainable and they're not healthy," O'Sullivan said after Scotiabank's annual general meeting. "This market has been going straight up for a very long time."

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Coyote sightings are on the increase. METROLAND FILE

Our coyote neighbours

URBAN ANIMALS

Sightings are up in spring, it helps to learn to co-exist

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Torontonians could soon see more coyotes in the city.

But there's no need to panic, say animal advocates. In fact, residents in urban areas should learn to co-exist with coyotes.

"Toronto is a very viable and healthy location for coyotes to thrive," said Lesley Sampson, co-founding executive director of Coyote Watch Canada, a grassroots charity advocating for positive wildlife experiences. "Coyotes are great navigators. They're resilient and savvy and will use the same pathways that we do."

The group is teaming up with other wildlife advocates and the city's animal services office for an information session next week, to educate residents about coyote behaviours and the best practices to minimize potential negative encounters with these creatures.

No one knows exactly how many coyotes live in and around Toronto, but the sightings tend to increase in the early months of the year. That's because it's their mating season and there's less human traffic outside, said Toronto Animal Services program manager Mary Lou Leiher.

Throughout 2016, the office received a total of 636 coyote sightings across the city.

They also responded to 301 calls for injured and distressed coyotes, and picked up 132 dead ones.

While coyotes have become "a natural part" of the city's landscape, residents are encouraged to play an active role in making sure the cohabitation is smooth and problem-free, said Sampson.

Best practices include avoiding the overflow of garbage bins, keeping house pets under supervision and always reporting any sighting.

Most of all, people must refrain from feeding coyotes — just like any other wild animals.

"They do not need our help. There's plenty of food for them all over the place," said Sampson, noting coyotes feast on rodents and rabbits, thus playing their part in the ecosystem.

FIND OUT MORE

The City of Toronto will host an information session on coyotes on Monday at 6 p.m. at the East York Civic Centre (850 Coxwell Ave.).

CRIME

Police toss some salad puns online

Police are using a few puns in an effort to bring attention to a large lettuce theft in Hamilton.

In a release Tuesday, they ask the public to "romaine calm" after the heist.

Investigators say a truck and refrigerated trailer containing $45,000 worth of lettuce was taken sometime between 8 p.m. on March 31 and 4 p.m. on April 1.

They say the truck was driven to Toronto, where the truck was left behind, but the trailer and the lettuce is still missing.

The Ontario licence plate attached to the trailer is P9002D.

On social media they are also asking the public to "lettuce know if you have any tips."

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Hamilton police got creative on social media. CONTRIBUTED

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Dutch top court OKs extradition

AMANDA TODD

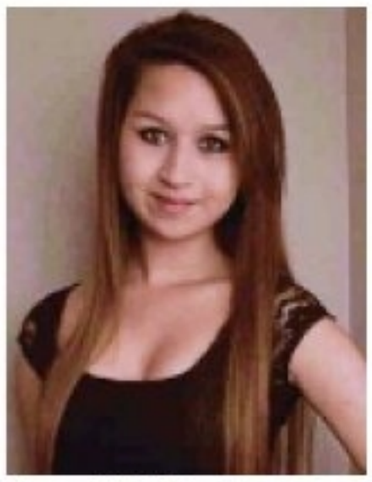
It is not clear when Aydin Coban will be sent to Canada

The mother of a British Columbia teenager who took her own life after enduring cyberbullying says it's "just surreal" that the Dutch man charged in her daughter's case has been approved for extradition to Canada.

"Today is my birthday and this is the best birthday present ever," Amanda Todd's mother Carol Todd said from her home in Port Coquitlam.

The Dutch Supreme Court has approved the extradition of Aydin Coban.

The RCMP laid charges of extortion, importing or distributing child pornography, possessing child pornography and child luring against the 38-year-old in 2014, two years after Amanda Todd, who was 15, died by suicide. None of the allegations have been tested in a Canadian court.



Amanda Todd took her own life after being cyberbullied. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was not immediately clear when Coban would be sent to Canada. His extradition must be approved by the Dutch security and justice minister.

Coban was sentenced to 10 years and eight months in prison on last month by a Dutch court in a separate case. The court in the Netherlands convicted him for fraud and blackmail via the Internet for cyberbullying dozens of young girls and gay men.

Judges gave him the maximum possible sentence "because of the devastating consequences his behaviour has on the young lives of the girls."

He was accused of abusing 34 girls and five gay men, behaviour the court called "astonishing." In some cases, the abuse lasted years.

He is appealing the court ruling and that process could also take months to complete.

Coban's lawyer did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Under Dutch privacy laws, the man at that trial was only identified as Aydin C. However, an Associated Press story from the Netherlands on Tuesday reported Aydin C. is the same man charged in the Amanda Todd case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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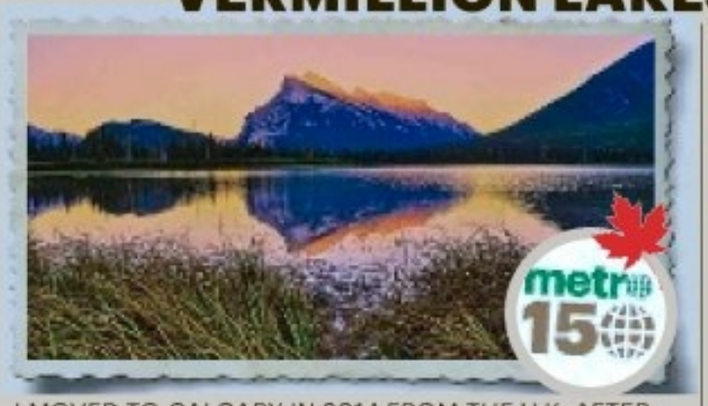

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Canada digest

Ottawa public health weighs ban on junk food

Ottawa Public Health is asking residents to weigh in on options to protect kids from junk food. It could mean certain advertisers and certain vendors won't be welcome on city property.

Board members and delegates discussed several ideas, including limiting advertising and food sales on city property.

Cadbury chocolate's advertising on the Rink of Dreams and slushies at city pools were cited as potential targets. Such a policy could also put end to rinkside Beavertails outside city hall.

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Younger sister of Tina Fontaine found safe

Manitoba RCMP say they've located the missing younger sister of Tina Fontaine, an indigenous girl whose body was found in the Red River in 2014. Sarah Fontaine, who is 16, had been missing since last week. RCMP say she was found "safe and sound" and thanked the public for their assistance.

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An unconscious child is carried at a hospital in Khan Sheikhun, a rebel-held town in Syria, after a suspected gas attack. OMAR HAJ KADOUR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Chemical attack is condemned

TERROR

At least 58 dead in opposition-held town in northern Syria

A suspected government chemical attack in an opposition-held town in northern Syria killed dozens of people on Tuesday, leaving residents gasping for breath and convulsing in the streets and overcrowded hospitals. If confirmed, it would be the deadliest chemical attack in four years.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which operates through a network of activists on the ground, said at least 58 people died, including 11 children, in the early morning attack in the town of Khan Sheikhoun, which witnesses said was carried out by Sukhoi jets operated by the Russian and Syrian governments.

Doctors struggled to cope and videos from the scene showed volunteer medics using fire hoses to wash the chemicals from victims' bodies. Haunting images of lifeless children piled in heaps reflected the magnitude of the attack, which was reminiscent of a 2013 chemical assault that left hundreds dead and was the worst in the country's ruinous six-year civil war.

After the 2013 attack, President Bashar Assad's government agreed to destroy its chemical arsenal and join the Chemical Weapons convention.

Tuesday's incident drew swift condemnation from world leaders, including the White House, which called it a "heinous" act that "cannot be ignored by the civilized world." The UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday in response to the strike, which came on the eve of a major international donors' conference in Brussels on the future of Syria and the region, to be hosted by the EU's high representative, Federica Mogherini.

> **People are still very lost.**
> Abu Hamdu, rescue worker

The Syrian government "categorically rejected" claims that it was responsible, saying it does not possess chemical weapons, has not used them in the past and will not use them in the future. It laid the blame squarely on the rebels.

Abu Hamdu, a rescue worker in Khan Sheikhoun, said people were still searching for their family members, nearly 12 hours after the attack.

"People are still very lost," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RUSSIA

Search widens for accomplices

Investigators searched for possible accomplices of a 22-year-old native of the Central Asian country of Kyrgyzstan identified as the suicide bomber in the St. Petersburg subway, as residents came to grips Tuesday with the first major terrorist attack in Russia's second-largest city since the Soviet collapse.

The bomber, Akbarzhon Dzhalilov, had lived in St. Petersburg for several years. Dzhalilov's social media networks reflected interest in radical Islam and boxing, but those who met him described him as calm and friendly.

Russia's health minister raised the death toll to 14, including the bomber; 50 others are in hospital. Many were students heading home Monday after classes on one of the city's busy north-south lines.

The attack follows a string of bombings of Russian planes, trains and transportation facilities. Many attacks were linked to radical Islamists.

Before Dzhalilov travelled to St. Petersburg where he got Russian citizenship, his ethnic Uzbek family lived in Osh in southern Kyrgyzstan, which saw more than 400 people killed and thousands injured in clashes between ethnic Kyrgyz and minority Uzbeks in 2010.

Russian media said Dzhalilov worked with his father in a car repair shop and then became a cook at one of the city's many sushi bars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Global digest

Wall bidders face threats
One bidder on President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico wanted to know if authorities would rush to help if workers came under "hostile attack." With bids due Tuesday on the first design contracts, interested companies are preparing for the worst if they get the job. Four to 10 bidders are expected to be chosen to build prototypes.
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JESSICA ALLEN ON PLAYING SURROGATE TO KIM AND KANYE

On Sunday night's emotional episode of Keeping Up with the Kardashians, Kim Kardashian revealed that she and husband Kanye West very much want a third baby. But due to health complications, Kim's doctor has advised against a third pregnancy. In order to provide a biological sibling to North and Saint, it looks like surrogacy may be their only option. Can you imagine the criteria to qualify as Kimye's surrogate? You don't have to. Because I did.

CHECKLIST Are you ready to be a Kimye surrogate?

Kimye wants a baby. That's where you come in. GETTY IMAGES

ABOUT YOU

Not a gold digger
Kim and Kanye are business moguls who recognize that the Kimye™ brand may demand something new and innovative outside of the typical confidentiality and non-disclosure celebrity surrogacy contract: namely, a full-disclosure agreement with a sub-clause stating that any breach of confidentiality be monetized by all parties involved.

Member of and/or a friend to the LGBTQ community

Amiable to the paparazzi
In particular: Jamie, Brianne, Ahmed, the guy that's always outside Nobu and Jake Peterson (but never Jake Robertson).

Creative/kreative

A Leo, preferably

Social media-savvy

Not a former employee of Beyoncé and/or Jay Z
Or, yes, you are a former employee of Beyoncé and Jay Z. (The jury's still out.)

TERMS OF SURROGACY

Commit to social media engagement
Including but not limited to: three Snapchats, five Instagrams, and one tweet a day, which must all contain the hashtag #KimyePinchHitter. Pending twins, social media output will double.

Agree to your likeness being used in Kim's emojis (Kimojis)

Agree to your likeness being used in a to-be-determined mobile game
Kim's game, a "red carpet adventure" in which you "create your own aspiring celebrity and rise to fame and fortune!"— the one that has earned her over $160 million — will be used as a template.

Agree to a Vogue pregnancy photo shoot
Pending Anna Wintour's approval

Have a drug-free and alcohol-free surrogacy
Virgin White Russians (also known as milk) are encouraged.

Have a fragrance-free surrogacy
Unless the scent is one of Kim's, in particular Gold, Glam or her wedding fragrance: Kim Kardashian Love.

Collaborate on a surrogate fragrance
Working name is It Takes Three™

Appear in future episodes of Keeping Up with the Kardashians

Instagram family dinners
Including the one featuring your placenta (post-delivery) as the main course, as prepared by Chrissy Teigen.

Read books to the baby
Although Kanye is "a proud non-reader of books," the family allows the classics, like Kanye's 2009 Thank You and You're Welcome — don't worry, it's only 52 pages — Kim's 2010 New York Times bestseller Kardashian Konfidential and Chrissy Teigen's cookbook.

Listen to classic music
Like Drake, Frank Ocean, Chance the Rapper, Kanye (in particular, My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy and Yeezus) and avoid all music performed and written by Taylor Swift.

THE PERKS

Hair and make-up services
Although if you are capable of contouring, this is a bonus.

Wardrobe courtesy of Kanye's line, Yeezy™ and vintage pieces from the Kardashian Kollection™ (RIP).

Accommodation
Although you must be able to vacate at a moment's notice should Kanye desire to redesign the space.

Instagram retouching

Waxing
The birth will be live-streamed on www.kimkardashianwest.com, Snapchat, Instagram Stories and ellen.com, pending Ellen's approval.

Security detail

Fame

Fortune

Leftover placenta

If this sounds like you, and you agree to the terms, tweet your application using the hashtag #NotKonfidential.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Dionne quints' childhood home should be preserved by a major museum

In 1934, the Dionne family welcomed the birth of the first known-surviving quintuplets. Eighty-three years later, the home of the Dionne quintuplets is up for sale. It belongs in a national museum.

The city council in North Bay, Ont., where the home sits, is debating selling it to a local fairground that does not plan to maintain the log cabin as a museum, according to the New York Times.

Multiples of children have always caught the imagination — think, for example, of Jon and Kate Plus 8 — but the Dionne quintuplets went worldwide. International media flocked to their hometown of Corbeil, Ont., to spread the story.

Shortly after their birth, the province stepped in: the girls were moved to a nearby hospital and their parents' custody was revoked.

In the first year, the doctor who administered their care meticulously studied his charges. In one report, Dr. Allan Dafoe wrote in the Canadian Medical Association Journal that the history of the quintuplets was "a modern fairy tale with a medical flavour."

"This medical fairy tale, however, differs from the make believe ones, because it is a true story of five babies who were actually born in rags but who have even in their short lives achieved riches."

Those riches were short-lived.

Their childhoods were not just abnormal, but cruel.

In their life, the quintuplets were abused — first, by the province, which took the five girls from their parents and put them on display three times a week in a human zoo called Quintland for nine years. Then by their parents who, on regaining custody of their five daughters, mistreated and abused them.

On reaching adulthood, they sought out the privacy they'd been denied as children. In 1998, they won a settlement from the Ontario government for $4 million. For one of the sisters, Yvonne, that wealth, too, was short-lived when her son stole her money and disappeared. She died in 2001.

Now, the two remaining sisters are left to advocate for their legacy. North Bay's chamber of commerce says it cannot afford the home and the council is debating whether to sell it. (A decision was expected Tuesday night, after press time.)

This home — and this story — belongs in a major museum. This year, we commemorate the history of Canada. We must have frank conversations about who we are, starting by remembering who we once were.

This is political, economic, medical and feminist history that deserves pride of place even though it is a mark of shame.

Whether it is the Museum of Human Rights, the Canadian Museum of History, or the Royal Ontario Museum, a major institution should step up to preserve the legacy of five little girls.

It wasn't a fairy tale. It is our history.

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No longer New but shiny as ever

MUSIC

Pornographers handle change, fight for place in world of rock

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New Pornographers Joe Seiders, Carl Newman and Kathryn Calder release their seventh album this week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Carl Newman has been mentally preparing for the possibility of his New Pornographers splitting since before we all swooned for Mass Romantic.

Sipping a tall can of beer in the Toronto office of his label, Newman recalls the first such scare: it was back in 2000, a month after their debut had come out but before word really spread about the Vancouver power pop group with more hooks than a bait shop. Just as things were taking off, Dan Bejar, the band's other principal songwriter, abruptly announced he was moving to Spain.

"I thought, 'Well, that's that,'" Newman recalled. "I felt like, oh, of course, the moment we've got something, a finished record, Dan goes to Spain. I thought that was the end of it then."

The band survived that, just as they survived the limited availability of warped-country master turned rock powerhouse Neko Case over the ensuing years. Her presence on the road was intermittent, while Bejar didn't tour at all on the band's first two records.

By some stroke of fortune, Bejar seemed to expand his involvement as the years went on, even as his solo Destroyer project became increasingly popular. After the release of the New Pornographers' radiantly hued sixth album, 2014's Brill Bruisers, Bejar spent more time than ever on the road with the band.

Three years on and the dynamics have all been swung around as the New Pornographers put out their first album, Whiteout Conditions, that is entirely without his contributions.

But as Newman explains it, Bejar was just making a Destroyer record and the quiet songs he was writing didn't fit with Newman's propulsive new ones. The New Pornographers are still bending around the will of some challenging schedules. "It's not like he quit the band; maybe he'll be on the next record," Newman said. And perhaps a change like this only resonates to the degree that it does because the New Pornographers have been such a rock-steady model of rock 'n' roll consistency these past 17 years.

Whiteout Conditions is a subtle evolution from Brill Bruisers, a work of fluorescent effervescence that blasted Blaine Thurier and Kathryn Calder's keys into the spotlight for the band's most modern record yet. In making their next, seventh album, Newman says the band kicked around the idea of "rocking differently," with synthy tunes shuttling on a rail of furiously strummed acoustic guitars and electrics relegated to punching in as punctuation.

Here, Newman's lyrics are occasionally more direct than they have been. Buoyant first single High Ticket Attractions was plainly inspired by anxiety over the U.S. election (Newman lives with his family in Brooklyn).

And the title track, another brightly lit pop stunner, is about depression.

"It was written during a really lousy time. My sister was very sick. She was in the end stages of cancer," said Newman. "The song was about trying to get out of a place. That's what I've always used music for. For me, that's been a driving force for a long time. The time leading up to Mass Romantic was kind of a miserable time in my life. It makes sense that I'd be digging deep."

On a professional level at least, Brill Bruisers left the band on a high. It fetched their best reviews since 2005's Twin Cinema and established a new peak for the New Pornos on the U.S. chart: No. 13. Was that meaningful? "I think so, but the industry's changed so much — it's your highest-charting record, but it's your smallest-selling record. But it's still absurd to think of our record in America's Top 20."

And yet, Newman betrays some restlessness. He explains that the new record followed threads from Brill Bruisers. "Which makes me wonder, now what direction do we go into? I find myself wanting to do something else, but we'll see," he said.

His band, shiny as ever but certainly no longer new, Newman does not seem averse to more change.

"At some point, you don't know where you're supposed to go," Newman said. "You're not the hot new band anymore, but you're also not the hugest band in the world. It's weird to try to figure out how to stay.

"We still have to fight for our place in the world of rock."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **It's just the nature of the band. It's how we are. I'm amazed we hold it together at all.**
> Carl Newman

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Nordic noir finds a really sweet spot

THE SHOW: Jordskott, Season 1, Episode 3 (AMC Shudder)
THE MOMENT: The floating man

We're in an ancient forest outside a rural town in Sweden.

Three teenage boys are shooting cans beside a swampy stream. A shot goes awry. A hideous squeal fills the air.

A dead-white, webbed hand reaches out of the stream and pulls in one of the boys. The others struggle to beat back the creature, of whom we see only glimpses. Then, it slips away.

A few scenes later, two girls sit on a wooden walkway over that same stream, dangling their feet. A ripple splits the water behind them.

The white-webbed-man-thing drifts up right beneath them, face down. Its body flips over. Its chest is a bloody hole. Then its eyes open, unnaturally round and black. The girls run.

This flagship series for AMC's new horror-streaming service hits my sweet spot — spooky and smart without being gory. It's Nordic Noir, combining gripping police procedural with otherworldly mystery, like a Borgen-Stranger Things mashup.

The plot starts with a ghostly girl (Stina Sundlof) who appears in town, and the determined detective, Eva (Moa Gammel), who believes the girl is Josefine, her daughter who went missing seven years earlier.

There are corporate baddies scheming to wreak environmental havoc, fringe-y citizens who know more than they say about a weird plant virus, and a creeping sense that nature itself is exacting revenge.

The title is part of the mystery, entwining Josefine's name and the word for "root" or "soil."

The show knows exactly how to parcel out revelations and visuals in jagged pieces, to work our brains and our goosebumps.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Iconic 1960s film about race turns 50

RE-RELEASE

A look at the legacy of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

The film will be re-released this spring in Blu-ray. HANDOUT

Fifty years ago, Katharine Houghton found herself on her first big movie set making something that made plenty of people worried.

Houghton and co-star Sidney Poitier were playing lovers in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, a romantic comedy directed by Stanley Kramer. Shooting had begun in San Francisco when word came that the movie was cancelled.

"Columbia Pictures, when they found out what the film was about, they didn't want to do it. And they did everything they could to stop filming," recalls Houghton. "They kept saying, 'Nobody's going to ever come and see this film. We're going to lose millions of dollars on this film.'"

They was wrong. The movie made more money for Columbia than any film before it, earned 10 Oscar nominations — winning two — and landed among the 100 greatest movies selected by the American Film Institute. The film, with its radical-for-its-time interracial romance, marked the first time a white actress and a black actor kissed in a major motion picture. Some movie theatres in the South refused to show it.

Fifty years later, some cheer its legacy while others look back and wince. Fans see its effects in films like Jordan Peele's new hit, Get Out, and in commercials for Cheerios and Chase Bank celebrating interracial couples. Critics think it didn't go far enough to confront racism.

Houghton sees both sides but views the movie as revolutionary. "I think the film really was a kind of a thunderbolt," she said.

"A lot of very chic critics today say, 'Oh, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was way behind the times. All those problems were already solved and we didn't need a movie like that.' I think we did need a movie like that."

Houghton played a young white woman studying in Hawaii who brings home an accomplished African-American doctor and informs her parents — played by Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy — that she intends to marry him. Chaos ensues as her liberal parents grapple with the concept of interracial marriage.

The social backdrop of the film (which will be re-released this spring in a Blu-ray edition) was far different in 1967. While it was being shot, more than a dozen states had laws against miscegenation. The same year it came out, Secretary of State Dean Rusk offered to resign after his daughter married a black man. Interracial romance was such an explosive topic that Beah Richards, who played Poitier's mother in the film, couldn't see it in her hometown of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

But critics said it was ultimately a cautious movie. Yes, there was a kiss but Poitier and Houghton locked lips only once, captured in a rearview mirror in the back of a cab. Detractors said Poitier's character was too perfect — and a man who in one scene seemed to imply he was post-race — and Houghton's character was a rich and pretty girl who wasn't his equal.

"Any criticism of the film was really for the left, for it not being daring enough," said David Schwartz, chief curator at the Museum of the Moving Image in New York City.

"A lot of times with Hollywood, the movies are reflecting changes that are happening anyway. The film just captured a change that was starting to take place." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Silky burrata and a slice of simplicity

RECIPE

Creamy Italian cheese can be the star of your homely pizza

If you haven't had the chance to try burrata, I would be honoured if this recipe became the first occasion.

Burrata is a semisoft, white Italian cheese made from mozzarella and cream. It is like the silkiest, creamiest fresh mozzarella, with a rich molten cream filling as a very welcome bonus.

And here it is paired with another Italian culinary triumph — prosciutto.

This pizza is made without tomato sauce, which allows the flavours of the burrata and the cured ham to shine, punctuated by the herby oregano.

Burrata and Prosciutto Pizza Serves 2.

Ingredients:

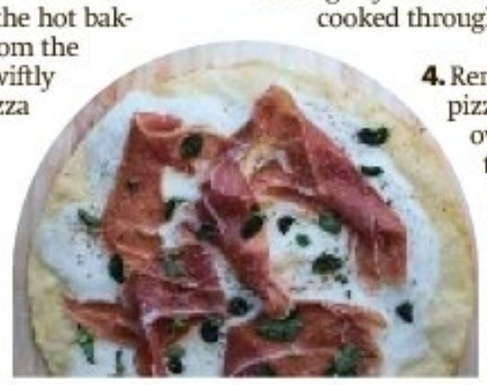
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal
- 9 ounces pizza dough, at room temperature
- Olive oil as needed
- 8 ounces burrata
- 4 slices paper thin slices prosciutto
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Place a baking sheet in the oven and preheat the oven to 425 F. Sprinkle the cornmeal on a flat cutting board or a pizza peel if you have one, and stretch and pat the dough into a circle about 8 inches in diameter. Let it sit for several minutes, then stretch it a bit further, into a 10-inch circle.

2. Allow it to rest between gentle pulls until it holds its shape and remains about 1/3-inch thick. Brush the top lightly with olive oil.

3. Remove the hot baking sheet from the oven and swiftly slide the pizza dough onto the baking sheet. Bake the dough for about 10 minutes until it is fairly firm and lightly browned, but not cooked through.



4. Remove the pizza from the oven. Tear the burrata into small pieces and distribute them over the dough, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Return to the oven and bake until the dough is cooked through and the burrata is melted, five more minutes.

5. Remove from the oven, then drape the slices of prosciutto over the top of the pizza, allowing the burrata to peek through. Sprinkle the oregano leaves, and season with salt and a nice grind of black pepper to finish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Party treats

When snacking at a party, do you dive into the cheese sticks or potato chips?

PICK THIS

Dutch Crunch Potato Chips Kettle Cooked Original
per 50g (about 27 chips)

Calories 260
Fat 14g
Saturated 1g
Sodium 220mg

SKIP THIS

Humpty Dumpty Cheese Sticks
per 50g (42 sticks)

Calories 310
Fat 23g
Saturated Fat 2g
Sodium 450mg

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent in fat to a Mama Burger with Cheese from A&W.

The lesser evil of two high-calorie and high-fat snacks would be the kettle chips, as they have close to half the fat and sodium. These plain kettle-cooked chips are also made with only three natural ingredients: potatoes, oil and salt. Compare that to the cheese sticks, which have over 20 ingredients, excess preservatives added, and are made with more oil and added cheese, increasing the calories and fat. Remember both snacks are still deep fried and offer little nutrition, so enjoy each occasionally and sparingly.

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Taking the Autobahn by sports car

HANDOUT

REVIEW

T86 handles like a dream but could use more power

Craig Cole
AutoGuide.com

For such an "underpowered" car, the Toyota 86 sure pulled like a champ. Certainly, its enthusiasm waned as the speedometer needle swept past 200 km/h, its meager 2.0-litres of displacement fighting the onslaught of air trying to halt its forward progress. But acceleration wasn't the only dynamic attribute challenged by this brisk pace; the sports car felt noticeably more planted at around 175 km/h, plus the hood didn't look like it was ready to become airborne.

As fun as blitzing down the Autobahn can be, it is not a task that the 86 is particularly well-suited to. This is a car designed for sweeping back roads and autocross courses.

In conjunction with the annual Geneva Motor Show, Toyota gave media the chance to experience their enhanced 86 sports car. The journey started in the city of Lausanne, a historic jewel on the shores of lac Léman, perhaps 45 minutes from downtown Geneva. We headed east on a meandering course across the breadth of Switzerland, with stops in France, Germany, Austria and even Lichtenstein along the way. Our ultimate destination was Munich, Bavaria's capital.

The updated 86 is motivated by a 2.0-liter boxer four-cylinder engine developed by Subaru. Customers that opt for a manual transmission gain five horsepower and five pound-feet of torque compared to automatic models, a mild increase that brings the totals to 205 and 156, respectively. Those extra horses are largely the result of better breathing. Both the intake and exhaust manifolds flow more than before, though reductions in valvetrain friction played a role.

This meager power bump doesn't do much to improve performance; though revised gearing really made a difference. The 4.1-to-1 rear end was swapped for a set of 4.3 gears. This change gives the 86 more squirt across its entire rev range, though it's still hardly a fast car.

The transmission was also refined. Chief engineer Tada said its gears have been polished and reworked synchronizers fitted. There's a new kind of lubricant, the capstone in a series of changes that enhance shifting quality, though the 86's stick is still a little on the loose side; more precision would be appreciated.

One area that needed no improvement was steering. T86 has always been a joy to toss around, but this didn't stop Toyota from making further refinements. The ever-eager handling, dialed-in suspension, and improved acceleration further burnish the 86's reputation as a true driver's car.

For the new model year, engineers have refined an already winning product, it's just too bad that nothing they did will placate the fans who will still demand more power.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA 86

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0-litre flat-four cylinder
Output: 205 horsepower, 156 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: 6-speed manual
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 11.3 city, 8.3 highway, 9.9 combined
Price: $35,480

LOVE IT

- Improved performance
- Retuned suspension
- Stiffened structure
- Still a joy to dive

LEAVE IT

- Update could have gone further
- More power would be nice
- Loose shifter

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ICONIC

McLaren's orange crush

McLaren has shared details on how orange came to be its signature colour. In 1967, the McLaren M6A sported Papaya Orange after team manager Teddy Mayer had long been unhappy with the team's liveries. Mayer claimed Papaya Orange would make the cars "show up like beacons on TV." Not only did the M6A stand out, but it dominated the Can-Am season, winning five races. Then McLaren painted its Formula 1 machines orange and the M7A secured the company's first Formula 1 victory at the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps in June 1968. This was the start of a 50-year love affair with orange, with the signature livery making a return on the McLaren MCL32 Formula 1 car this year. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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ITALY

Police-issue Lamborghini

Lamborghini CEO Stefano Domenicali paid a visit to the Italian interior minister and chief of police this week, handing off the keys to a new police-spec Lamborghini Huracan.

The vehicle will be assigned to normal police duties and will assist in urgent deliveries of blood and organs. It's the second Huracan on the fleet.

The car is done up in the Italian police livery, sporting the official paint finish of the public servants, Police Medium Blue. The flashy white striping on the car strays a bit from the traditional police vehicles found throughout Rome, and there's a nice accent stripe that is the same colors as the Italian flag. Helping complete the look, the car is equipped with P Zero Pirelli tires, with blue tinted sidewalls that were specially created for the police. SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM

TOYOTA

Life-sized Tonka

Toyota has brought together the iconic Tonka brand with its HiLux pickup truck. The Toyota HiLux Tonka Concept is a high-riding off-roader created to celebrate the HiLux becoming Australia's best-selling vehicle. Conceived, designed and assembled at Toyota Australia's product planning and development division, the custom HiLux has a black-and-yellow livery, an increased ride height of six inches, a high-riding axle, heavy-duty suspension and 35-inch tires. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

HISTORIC

Flipping for monster trucks

It's the first ever front flip in Monster Jam competition history. "Mad Scientist" Lee O'Donnell executed the move at the Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas and won the freestyle championship. O'Donnell landed a jump in a wheelie and kept the front wheels off the ground by staying on the gas pedal. He hit the next jump with the front wheels in the air, causing the monster truck to do a front flip, landing on its wheels. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

AUTO NEWS

2018 Mustang has heart

The Mustang's new start button beats 30 times per minute, just like the heart of a resting pony.

There's a lot that's changed on the 2018 Ford Mustang and one of the smaller new features is an ignition button that pulses red when the door is unlocked. It continues to pulse until the engine is started, and Ford says it's like giving the Mustang a heartbeat of sorts.

On the backlit button, the words "engine," "start" and "stop" all glow red. Giving a bit of luxury to it, the button is encased in a spun aluminum ring and can be found on the lower driver's side of the centre stack. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

Can human hands give a car a soul?

INTERVIEW

Mazda's design philosophy goes beyond clean surfaces

Craig Cole
AutoGuide.com

The RX Vision at the Tokyo Motor Show 2015 embodies Kodo design-based proportions only Mazda could envision. GETTY IMAGES

Designers at Mazda draw inspiration from nature, fashion and beautiful products when crafting the brand's cars and crossovers. This probably isn't too different from how other automaker studios function, but what sets this Japanese car company apart is an emphasis on something less tangible: emotion.

"How does that make you feel, and how can that translate into a vehicle's exterior design?" asked Jacques Flynn, Mazda's lead designer.

Decade-old veteran at the scrappy Hiroshima-based firm, Flynn's resumé is impressive, even if he hasn't been in the business as long as, say, Hyundai-Kia's Peter Schreyer or one of the Callum brothers. Among other projects, Flynn led the development of the current MX-5 and played an important role in creating both the CX-5 and CX-9.

Whether it's a sports car or crossover, one thing that sets Mazda's lineup apart is its unified appearance. All their products have a certain cohesiveness to them, like they were created by the same team.

Enabling this visual harmony is an overarching design theme. Kodo "soul of motion" has been a Mazda staple for about five years now. It's a styling ethos characterized by clean surfaces, attention to detail and the notion that human hands can give vehicles a soul. Is this design or some sort of animistic religion? At Mazda, it's both.

"That's why I think our cars have got this unique feeling to them, they don't feel generic, they don't feel like any other marque out there," said Flynn. Kodo gives them a stylistic edge.

However, this advantage doesn't come easily and it cannot be taken for granted. Case in point, the brand's RX Vision concept that debuted at the Tokyo Motor Show in 2015. "That car was hard," said Flynn, laughing while recounting the challenge it presented. "The complexity to that surfacing is really, really difficult."

He added there are no lines on this rotary-powered design study, just simple surfacing, which he noted requires strict volume control — something that's tough to achieve. "But," he added, "when it's done right, you end up with something really beautiful and timeless."

Kodo has been a quintessential part of Mazda's DNA for the better part of a decade and they have no plans to replace it with a new theme anytime soon.

"I think it's got a ton of room to evolve and in my opinion, improve," said Flynn, something they plan on doing by continuing to refine its signature forms and flourishes. Flynn admitted he's not sure if they'll ever distil it down to its most elemental essence, but that's not going to prevent them from trying.

"That's an ultimate goal," he explained, "That our whole lineup just feels timeless."

Sculpting a beautiful car is one thing, getting it into volume production is another. Fortunately for Mazda, their design and engineering departments are closely knit, working to serve each other.

In California for instance, Flynn said the engineering department is just upstairs from their design studio, allowing for an unusually close and cooperative relationship between these two divisions, something that allows Mazda to produce more stylish and innovative vehicles. "They're always wanting to challenge," said Flynn. "You couldn't ask for a better situation."

He also talked about the mutual respect each department has for the other. "They want us to achieve our vision, at the same time we want to support them and deliver something that can be packaged properly," said Flynn, adding that this collaborative spirit allows Mazda to really push their design in ways rival automakers may not be able to.

"We don't want our cars to feel trendy," said Flynn. "The cars have got to age really, really well."

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"This is what we worked for": Joel Berry II who had 22 points in North Carolina's 71-65 NCAA championship win over Gonzaga

Ovie at helm of rebellion

NHL VS. OLYMPICS

Bruce Arthur

If there is a spear-carrier among NHL players when it comes to the Olympics, it is Alex Ovechkin. He had his heart broken in Vancouver, and again in Sochi. He is friendly with Russia's Vladimir Putin, and with Vladimir Putin's Russia. He had vowed to go to South Korea next year, whether the NHL did or not. On Monday the NHL said no, and Ovechkin didn't budge.

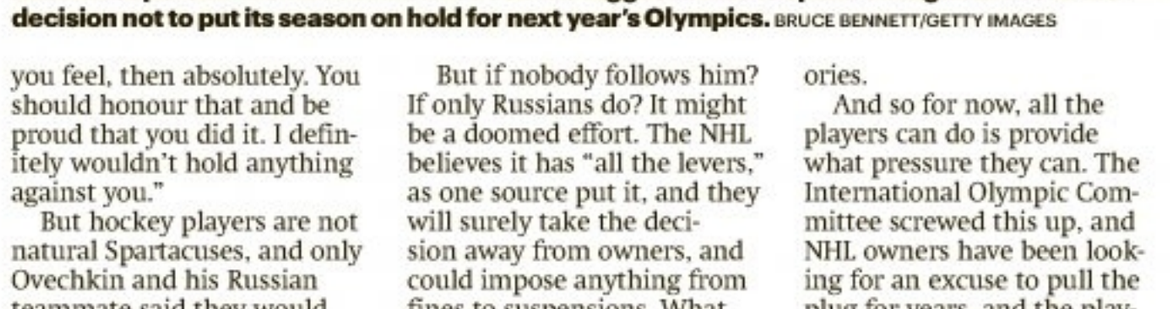
"I didn't change my mind, and I won't," said Ovechkin before his Washington Capitals faced the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday night. "It's my country. You know, I think everybody wants to play there, and it's the biggest opportunity in your life to play in the Olympic Games. So I don't know. Somebody going to tell me don't go, I don't care. I just go."

He was joined by teammate Evgeny Kuznetsov, who said, "If Russia needs us, of course. It's in the heart, always, the Russian people. But we will see. Maybe they will let us go." Other NHL players spoke out strongly, even bitterly; notably, Swedes Henrik Zetterberg and Anton Stralman and Erik Karlsson. Zetterberg told Detroit reporters, "they probably want something from us. As usual." Stralman, in Boston, told ESPN's Joey MacDonald that it was "just billionaires trying to make a few extra bucks."

And in Detroit Monday night, Karlsson said, "Crap. Pretty much. I don't understand the decision. We have no say in the matter. It's very unfortunate for the game of hockey around the world that they're going to do this to the sport. I think it's going to hurt a lot if we don't end up going. Whoever made that decision obviously had no idea what they're doing."

Hockey players aren't talkers by nature, but many range from disappointed to furious.

In the Capitals locker-room, there were a variety of opinions: goaltender Braden Holtby said he would never leave his team to play in an Olympics, and defenceman Kevin Shattenkirk said of his Russian teammates, "I'd tip my cap to those guys for doing it, and I think that's something that I'm sure will cause trouble with your team, but if that's your sentiment and that's how you feel, then absolutely. You should honour that and be proud that you did it. I definitely wouldn't hold anything against you."



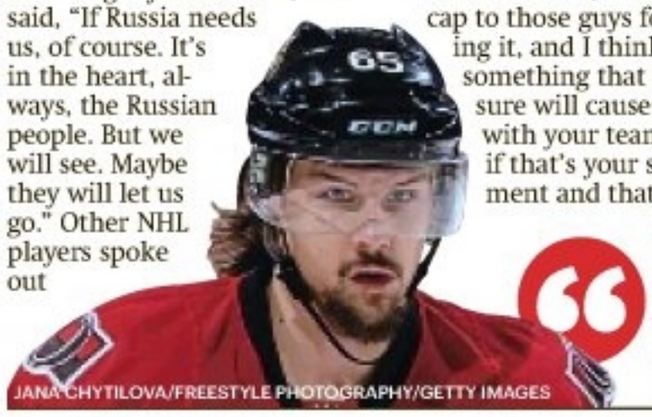
Russian superstar Alex Ovechkin has been the biggest name to speak out against the NHL's decision not to put its season on hold for next year's Olympics. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

But hockey players are not natural Spartacuses, and only Ovechkin and his Russian teammate said they would defy the league.

But if nobody follows him? If only Russians do? It might be a doomed effort. The NHL believes it has "all the levers," as one source put it, and they will surely take the decision away from owners, and could impose anything from fines to suspensions. What if they said, you won't play the rest of the year if you go to South Korea? They could. Many players are expressing sadness that the NHL tried to turn this into a negotiation. They must have short memories.

And so for now, all the players can do is provide what pressure they can. The International Olympic Committee screwed this up, and NHL owners have been looking for an excuse to pull the plug for years, and the players are the ones finding the euphemisms for disappointment.

Bruce Arthur is a sports columnist with the Toronto Star



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Whoever made that decision obviously had no idea what they're doing.
Erik Karlsson

NHL

Leafs' playoff berth put on hold

Lars Eller, Kevin Shattenkirk, Nate Schmidt and Tom Wilson scored as the Washington Capitals cruised to a 4-1 victory Tuesday over the Maple Leafs, ending Toronto's four-game win streak.

Mitch Marner, with his 19th of the season, added a late power-play goal to deny Philipp Grubauer his fourth career shutout.

TUESDAY At ACC

4	1
CAPITALS	LEAFS

The Capitals (53-18-8) could have clinched the Eastern Conference title and Presidents' Trophy on the night. But in addition to beating Toronto, they needed a Columbus win over Pittsburgh and the Penguins — with a 4-1 victory — weren't co-operating.

The Bruins beat Tampa Bay 4-0 to clinch a playoff spot. Toronto (39-25-15) would have joined them with a win Tuesday.

Washington, which tops the league's overall standings, has won eight of its last nine.

The Leafs lost centre Brian Boyle during the game to an upper-body injury, which may have come from a hard first-period collision with Washington's Wilson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NCAA

N. Carolina back in mix to host events

The NCAA has "reluctantly" agreed to consider North Carolina as a host for championship events again after the state rolled back a law that limited protections for LGBTQ people.

The governing body said Tuesday its Board of Governors had reviewed moves to repeal the "bathroom bill" and replace it with a compromise law. The NCAA offered a lukewarm endorsement, saying the new law "meets the minimal NCAA requirements."

The organization had been a key opponent of the original law. Its events carry major economic power: the North Carolina Sports Association had estimated more than $250 million in potential losses from 130 event bids submitted to the NCAA.

The NCAA statement said a majority of the board "reluctantly voted" to allow for consideration of bids from North Carolina during current deliberations for sites running through 2022. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada gets chance to avenge loss to Finland

Finland earned another showdown with Canada at the women's world hockey championship.

The Finns blanked Sweden 4-0 in Tuesday's quarter-final and will face the Canadians in Thursday's semifinals. Finland beat Canada for the first time ever 4-3 in the preliminary round. Russia and Germany met in a later quarter-final. The winner faces defending championship U.S. in the semifinals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man United manages draw with Everton on late penalty

Zlatan Ibrahimovic converted a penalty in the fourth minute of stoppage time as Manchester United salvaged a 1-1 draw against Everton to extend its unbeaten run in the Premier League to 20 matches on Tuesday.

In a dramatic finish, Everton defender Ashley Williams blocked a shot by United substitute Luke Shaw with his hand and Ibrahimovic slotted home the resulting spot kick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Romo leaves field for broadcast booth

Tony Romo is retiring from the Dallas Cowboys to replace another former quarterback in Phil Simms as lead analyst for CBS.

The network announced Tuesday that Romo will be paired with Jim Nantz on Thursday night and Sunday games next season. The former 10-year starter considered multiple network offers while also deciding whether to keep playing after losing the Dallas job to rookie Dak Prescott last season.

The Cowboys released Romo on Tuesday after delaying the decision to see they could generate interest in a trade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tony Romo
GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

TFC bring in backup with usual starter Irwin injured

Toronto FC signed goalkeeper Mark Pais to an MLS contract Tuesday, paving the way to move the TFC 2 goalkeeper to join the first-team roster as backup to Alex Bono.

Toronto lost No. 1 'keeper Clint Irwin to a hamstring strain in Friday's night's home opener against Sporting Kansas City. Irwin is expected to be out four to five weeks.

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Tigers' Verlander gets White Sox whiffin'

Justin Verlander struck out 10 to match the most by a Detroit pitcher on opening day since Mickey Lolich in 1970, and the Tigers backed him with three home runs in a 6-3 victory over the White Sox on Tuesday in Chicago.

JaCoby Jones hit his first career homer, Nick Castellanos and Ian Kinsler also went deep against Jose Quintana (0-1), and the Tigers sent Rick Renteria to a loss in his debut as White Sox manager. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Westbrook equals Oscar's triple-double mark at 41

Thunder guard Russell Westbrook matched Oscar Robertson's single-season record for triple-doubles, collecting his 41st during Tuesday's game versus Milwaukee.

Westbrook finished the night with 13 rebounds, 13 assists and just 12 points in the Thunder's 110-79 win.

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Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan and Pacers swingman Lance Stephenson got heated on Tuesday night.

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Pacers push Raps around

NBA

George the diffence in feisty clash in Indianapolis

TUESDAY In Indiana

108	90
PACERS	RAPTORS

Paul George scored 18 of his 35 points in the third quarter Tuesday night and the desperate Indiana Pacers rallied from a 19-point first-half deficit and blew out Toronto 108-90.

The Pacers ended a four-game losing streak that saw them slide from a tie for the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference to the very real possibility of missing the post-season.

DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto, which had won its previous two.

It was an astounding comeback for Indiana, which was so lethargic in the first half it needed an 8-2 spurt just to get within 51-40 at halftime.

The game was marred by a shoving match between Indiana's Lance Stephenson and DeRozan with 3.3 seconds left. The melee spilled down the sideline and into the Pacers' bench, where Toronto's P.J. Tucker was still jawing with Pacers players.

Stephenson, Tucker and DeRozan all received technical fouls.

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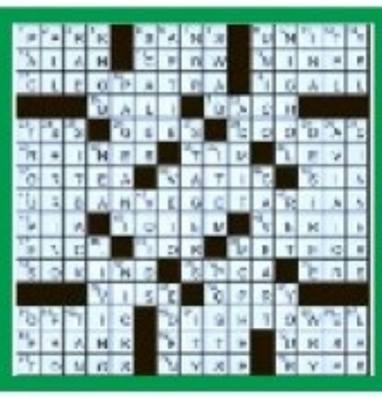

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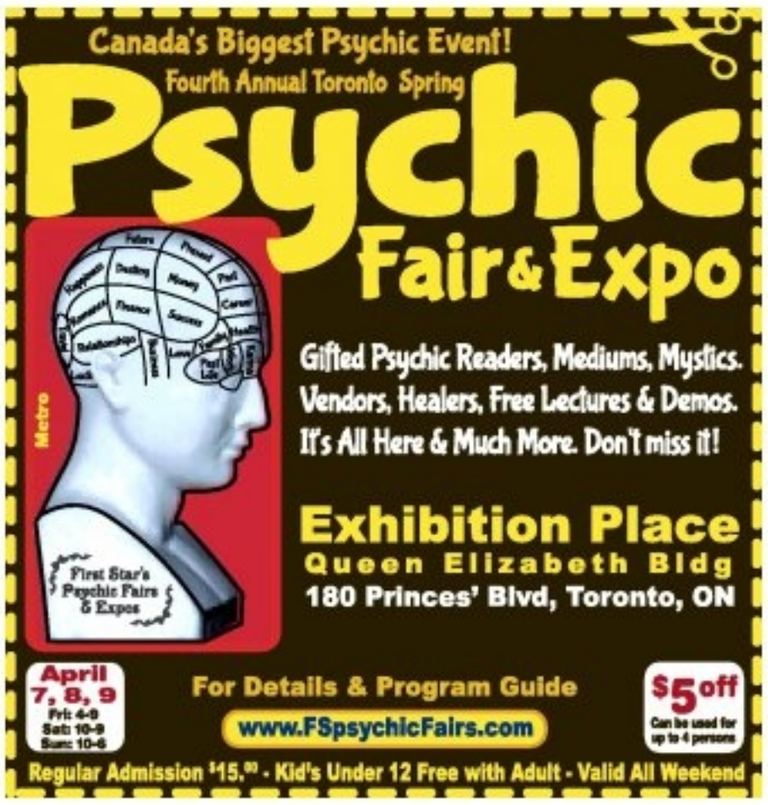
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
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Ready in 40 minutes
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time : 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 medium beets, washed and trimmed
- 2 blood oranges, supremed
- 1 head of Boston, bibb or even romaine lettuce, chopped
- 5 or 6 leaves of radicchio lettuce, chopped
- 1 head of Belgian endive, sliced
- 1/3 cup of pecans, chopped
- 1/3 cup of feta, crumbled
- 5 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp plain yogurt
- 1 tsp dijon
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Wash, trim and add beets to boiling water. Let simmer 30 minutes until tender. Allow to cool before peeling. The skins should slip off easily but you might need to make a small cut to get it started. Chop into 1 inch cubes, and set aside.

2. Slice a tiny piece off the top and bottom of each orange. Now, take your sharpest knife and cut the rind off. Slice down the orange, following the curve of the fruit, just inside the rind and the pith so you expose the inside of the orange. Working over a bowl, segment the orange. Cut one side of the segment and then the other and the perfect, little skinless piece of orange will pop out.

3. Toss lettuces together so you get a nice mix of colours and arrange in your bowl or platter. Scatter beets pieces over. Drain orange pieces, add.

4. Put the final five ingredients in a small bowl and whisk. Dress your salad. Now just sprinkle over with cheese and nuts.

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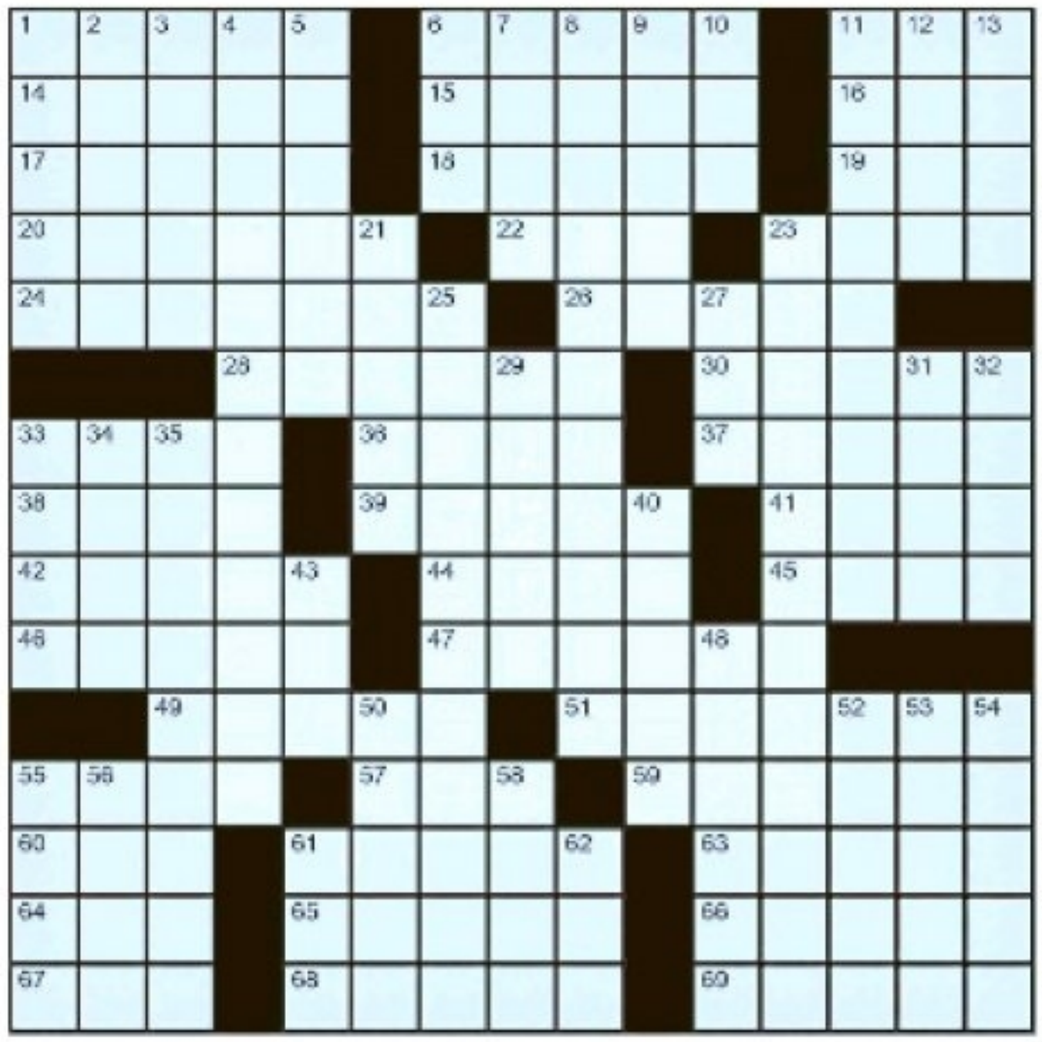

ACROSS
1. Pulled in the big bucks, __ killing
6. Bee Gees brother
11. Prohibit
14. "__ we all?"
15. Wearer of the black tutu in Swan Lake
16. Have an __ to grind
17. Gadgets brand in vintage TV ads
18. Maria of "ER"
19. Puppy's first learned word
20. Never! ___ bet
22. High sch. math
23. Overlook
24. Land of Oz capital, __ City
26. Way to sing at the Grand Ole Opry
28. Ansel of "The Fault in Our Stars" (2014)
30. Russian model Ms. Shayk
33. Showbiz star Danny
36. Banda __ (City in Sumatra in Indonesia)
37. Gyms, e.g.
38. Entrepreneur Mr. Musk
39. Namesakes of Carlisle Cullen's 'Twilight' wife
41. Small batteries
42. Small sack
44. Froster's target
45. Fails to be
46. Placido Domingo, for one
47. Together
49. Oscar-winner Ms. Garson
51. What the long earrings did
55. Having wisdom
57. Type
59. Parisian 'star'
60. Post-op area
61. Tea of "Madam Secretary"
63. Had the title
64. Racket
65. Chops veggies
66. Boeotian Muse of memory
67. Mr. Asner's grand churches
12. Y-__
13. Brooklyn basketballers
21. Pond buildup
23. 'Aqua' bridal styles: 2 wds.
25. Cowboy/gunfighter played by Kiefer Sutherland in #35-Down: 2 wds.
27. Don't hire a pro, e.g.
29. Supply the crew with more support
31. "Wavin' Flag" by K'__
32. __. DA (Legal drama gig)
33. Held
34. Singer Mr. Blacc
35. 1988 movie set in the Old West: 2 wds.
40. Bristly hairs
43. Charlemagne's li'l domain
48. Tip to 'logy' (Insects science)
50. Farm tune refrain
52. Read between the whats?
53. Fragrant resin
54. Michelle Pfeiffer's actress sister
55. Pancake part
56. Music style, __ rock
58. __ socks
61. Person in charge [abbr.]
62. Medit. Sea land
68. TV weatherman Al
69. Mr. Davis of "I'm Not Rappaport" (1996)

DOWN
1. France: Seine tributary
2. "__ with a View" (1985)
3. Tooth, in Tuscany
4. Adoring opera crowd's request!!: 2 wds.
5. Unkeyed, in music
6. Mr. Kardashian
7. Ancient theatres
8. Emilio Estevez's outlaw in #35-Down: 3 wds.
9. "You stay behind...": 2 wds.
10. Modern
11. Architecturally

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

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Today you will work hard to boost your income, because you have moneymaking ideas. You also can see different uses for something you already own.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You're full of energy today. Hint: If you use your energy solely for your own benefit, your win will be minimal. If you use your energy to benefit others as well as yourself, you win big!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will work behind the scenes in secret to subtly bring about change for the better. Start small in order to eventually get big results.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You can lead others, especially when a group, to do great things right now. People will follow you because of your leadership and enthusiasm.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your ambition is aroused. You intend to make improvements not only to your world, but also to the world around you. Bravo!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't hesitate to be ambitious about future travel plans, because you have big ideas about where you want to go. You also might have big ideas about getting further education.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you have disputes with someone about inheritances, wills or shared property today, you will be a strong fighter for your own rights. Now is the time to throw down the gauntlet.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today you might attract someone who is powerful. In the best of all possible worlds, you will work with this person and your combined energy will achieve a lot.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a perfect day to introduce reform and improvements where you work. Likewise, you also might see ways to improve your health.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can teach young people and children very effectively today. Romantic partners will be very energetic in expressing their affection!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do what you can to make improvements to your home, because this is possible today. Begin by getting rid of what is no longer useful. Out it goes!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will be convincing in all your conversations with others today, which is why you should think about what it is that you really want to say. This is because others will listen to you.

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